GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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DD METRO CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the television sets in Western Maharashtra and Marathwada region of Maharashtra do not catch Doordarshan Metro Channel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any memorandum to this effect; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): At present High Power TV transmitters at Mumbai and Nagpur, and Low Power TV transmitters at Ambajogai and Bhandara, are relaying Metro Channel service in Maharashtra. Prasar Bharati has reported that parts of western Maharashtra and Marathwada region are covered by these transmitters, and television viewers within the coverage areas of these transmitters would be able to watch Metro Channel programmes.

(c) & (d): Requests have been received from time to time for expansion of Metro Channel coverage in Maharashtra. For further expansion of DD Metro Channel coverage in the State, two High Power Transmitters, at Aurangabad and Pune, and 9 Low Power Transmitters, at Akola, Amaravati, Dhule, Kolhapur, Malegaon, Nanded, Nashik, Sangli, and Sholapur, are under implementation.